robe autobiography — discussing what you wore at different times of your life — or your music autobiography.)

Collaborative Activity for Narration

Working with a group of students of about your own age, write a history of your television-viewing habits. Start by working individually to list all your most-watched television shows in chronological order, beginning as far back as you can remember. Then, compile a single list that reflects a consensus of the group’s preferences, perhaps choosing one or two representative programs for each stage of your life (preschool, elementary school, and so on). Have a different student write a paragraph on each stage, describing the chosen programs in as much detail as possible and using “we” as the subject. Finally, combine the individual paragraphs to create a narrative essay that traces the group’s changing tastes in television shows. The essay’s thesis statement should express what your group’s television preferences reveal about your generation’s development.